

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 994
By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sharon J. Miller upon receiving the 2004 National Conference for Community and Justice Humanitarian Award.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize and honor those outstanding citizens who, through their leadership and service, increase the common good for their fellow Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Sharon J. Miller is one such noteworthy Tennessean who recently received the 2004 National Conference for Community and Justice Humanitarian Award; and

WHEREAS, she was recognized at the 51st annual National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) Humanitarian Awards dinner on February 26th; in 1927, the NCCJ was organized to fight bias, bigotry, and racism; this year, the organization honored three estimable public servants, including Ms. Miller, who have dedicated themselves to combating these evils; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, she has dedicated herself to the pursuit of bettering the lives of her fellow human beings and improving her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Miller has succeeded in a wide range of endeavors through the application of her considerable talents; she is Co-Founder and President of the Trust Company of Knoxville, Inc., in which position she has earned the respect and admiration of both the business community and the public at large; and

WHEREAS, she also has lent her superb leadership to numerous civic endeavors and is an important figure in the development and expenditure of funds for many worthy organizations in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, over the years, she has served as a member of the University of Tennessee's Development Council, Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee

Foundation, Knoxville Utilities Board of Commissioners, Development Corporation of Knox County Board of Directors, Executive Committee of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, Webb School of Knoxville Executive Committee, University of Tennessee McClung Museum Board of Advisors, Knoxville Museum of Art Executive Committee, University of Tennessee Chancellor's Associates, Blount Mansion Association Board, Knoxville/Knox County Citizen Advisory Board, Solid Waste Authority Board, and University of Tennessee Financial Institutions Center Board of Advisors; and

WHEREAS, she has also served with acumen and alacrity as Chair of the Greater Knoxville Area Chamber Partnership, Treasurer of Child and Family Services, Knoxville Community Development Corporation Commissioner, and President of the Knoxville Estate Planning Council and the Tennessee Valley Employee Benefit Council; and

WHEREAS, a member of Leadership Knoxville's Class of 1989, she has received numerous honors for her personal excellence and wonderful service to humanity, including the 1991 Tribute to Women Award in Business and Government and induction into the 2000 Laureate Junior Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Miller is an active and devoted Christian, and she has served St. John's Episcopal Cathedral as Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the greater Knoxville community and the State of Tennessee are undoubtedly better places to live because of the life and service of Sharon J. Miller; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Ms. Miller for her many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, her unwavering commitment to others, and her astute leadership in Knoxville; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Sharon J. Miller for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and the good people of Knoxville, congratulate her on receiving the 2004 National Conference for Community and Justice Humanitarian Award, and extend to her our best wishes for success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.